THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Saturday, 11th December 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF SRI C. M. KOTHARI, MEMBER OF THE FORMER LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is my painful duty to inform the House of the death of Sri C. M. Kothari who was a Member of the Madras Legislative Assembly from 1947 to 1951. He was a great industrialist and he took very keen interest in the deliberations of the Assembly when he was a Member thereof. Only this morning I came to know of his death. By way of passing a Condolence Resolution which I shall communicate to the members of the bereaved family, I request the Members to stand in their places for two minutes."

The following Resolution was carried *nem. con.* all the Members of the Assembly standing for two minutes :—

" This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Sri C. M. Kothari, a Member of the former Madras Legislative Assembly, and conveys its deep sense of sympathy to the members of his bereaved family."

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Conference of the District Collectors at Madras.

* 211 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a Conference of all the District Collectors was held at Madras during the month of June 1954 ; and

(*b*) if so, the subjects discussed?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir, on the 5th of June 1954.

" (*b*) Various matters connected with the Administration were discussed."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" நிர்வாகத்தில் ஏதாவது சீர்த் திருத்தம் செய்வதைப்பற்றி பேசப்பட்டதா ? அப்படியானல் பேசப்பட்ட விஷயம் என்ன என்று கூறமுடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It was discussed and as a result of the discussion a committee was appointed to go into the entire question of the administration of the Revenue Department. A report has also been submitted by that committee."

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Is such a meeting an annual feature and is there any agenda for such meetings? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is intended that it should be an annual feature, and we have an agenda for such meetings."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Was the question of the employment of special extra staff to cope with the additional work created by the Local Development Works, Community Projects and National Extension Service Schemes discussed? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We discussed it. I think the Committee has gone into the whole matter and submitted a report. But I have not yet studied the report."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Was there any discussion about the reorganization of the Revenue Department? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It was discussed. That was what I said."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Are these meetings attended by Ministers? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Certainly."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Was there any reference to retrenchment in the Department wherever necessary? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Wherever retrenchment is possible, it has to be made, and wherever it is absolutely necessary to increase the strength of the staff, that will be done."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கமிட்டி சமர்ப்பித்துள்ள அறிக்கை சபை முன்பு வைக்கப்படுமா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The report has just been submitted. After going through it, I shall take a decision on the matter."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister says that there is an agenda for the meeting. May I know whether the agenda is prepared from above and sent to the Collectors or whether suggestions are invited from the Collectors about the particular difficulties encountered by them in the course of administration and whether such things are included in the agenda and discussed at the meeting? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Collectors are also requested to suggest matters for discussion at the meeting."

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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" It is not very clear whether this conference was called for by all the District Collectors as Collectors or whether it was called for at the instance of the Government in which the Government took part."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government called for the conference."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Some time back there was a proposal to divide our State on a regional basis and entrust the administration of each region to a Regional Controller just above the heads of Collectors. Was that proposal discussed at the meeting ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That matter was discussed in the previous Collectors' Conference and not the one under reference."

Assignment of house-sites and lands to Harijans in Tiruvallur taluk.

* 212 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of waste lands in Tiruvallur taluk;

(*b*) the amount of loans given to the ryots of Tiruvallur taluk in 1952–53;

(*c*) the number of applications received in 1952–53 from the Harijans for the assignment of house-sites and lands for cultivation; and

(*d*) the number of applications sanctioned in the year 1952–53 and the extent of lands granted?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) 350·43 acres.

" (*b*) Rs. 40,100.

" (*c*) For house-sites—13 applications.

For assignment of land for cultivation—27 applications.

" (*d*) Nil in both items as the applications were for assignment of objectionable poramboke lands."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" ஹரிஜன விவசாயிகளிடமிருந்து எத்தனை மனுக்கள் வந்திருக்கின்றன ? ஹரிஜனங்களிடமிருந்து வந்திருக்கக்கூடிய மனுக்கள் ஏன் கவனிக்கப்படவில்லை ? இதற்கு பிரத்யேகக் காரணம் கூறமுடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I stated that a sum of about Rs. 40,000 was granted to the ryots of Tiruvallur taluk. I have no information about the persons to whom it was granted."